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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/2006
 LAST UPDATED 2/1/2006 HB 560

SPONSOR Youngberg

SHORT TITLE _____ SB _____

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Amy Biehl Charter High School

Responses Received From
 Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 560 appropriate \$25,000 from the General Fund to the PED for expenditure in FY 2007 for a restorative justice program at the Amy Biehl Charter High School in Albuquerque.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2007 shall revert to the General Fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. .

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SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Amy Biehl High School is creating a partnership with Facing History and Ourselves, an international organization that got its start creating curriculum for holocaust studies. It now has

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branched into developing curriculum around restorative/transitional justice curriculum and bases its work on research in South Africa, Bosnia, Northern Ireland and other places moving toward democracy.

In FY 2006, the high school provided funding for staff development. Plans, in the next fiscal year, are to develop New Mexico-based curriculum that can be disseminated to a wider audience. A likely topic will be Land Grants as well as others.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The restorative justice program equips students with the knowledge and skills to identify root causes of injustice, their responsibility for taking action, and the development agreements to change behaviors and re-enter the school community.

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